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In re Application of  
Rima Kaddurah-Daouk et al  
Serial No.: 09/835,119  
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: PETITION DECISION

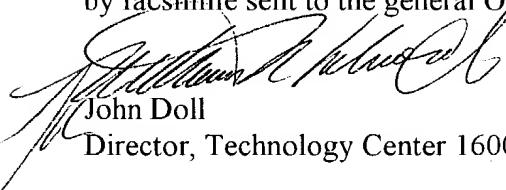
This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed November 20, 2003, for withdrawal of abandonment of the above identified application based on filing of a timely reply. The delay in acting on this petition is regretted.

A review of the file history shows that the examiner mailed a Final Office action to applicants on December 16, 2002, setting a three month shortened statutory period for reply. Applicants replied by filing a Notice of Appeal on June 13, 2003, including a request for a three month extension of time and fees therefor. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed to applicants on September 23, 2003, erroneously. In view of the timely reply the Notice of Abandonment was mailed in error and is withdrawn and the application is restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision

The petition is **GRANTED**.

**The time period for filing of an Appeal Brief runs from the date of receipt of the Notice of Appeal, June 13, 2003, and may be extended up to five months under 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Should there be any questions about this decision please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by letter addressed to Director, TC 1600, at the address listed above, or by telephone at 571-272-0519 or by facsimile sent to the general Office facsimile number.

  
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